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Dear Ms. Swiezy & Ms. Neal:

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) continues to support the efforts of the Indiana Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (IIACC) in fully evaluating Indiana's diverse population and needs through the 2016 expanded gap analysis. This analysis provided a critical opportunity to collect feedback and data from identified populations who may have been underrepresented in the original gap analysis conducted through the IIACC in June of 2015. DDRS is able to use this information, to evaluate the array of needs across Indiana, and ensure the findings are widely available for our partnering agencies, families, and other stakeholders to raise awareness of available supports and resources, as well as areas where continued targeted efforts are needed.

Thank you, and members of the IIACC, for pursuing activities and initiatives through Indiana's Comprehensive State Plan for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). DDRS recognizes these efforts as an integral part of the needs and issues that impact all individuals with disabilities in our state.

Sincerely,

Kylee B. Hope, Director

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